

**CAAC Meeting Minutes**  
**February 25, 2020**

**Voting Representatives Present:** Jim Baygents, Rebecca Gómez, Mary Koithan (Amanda Gluski), Kim Jones, Amy Kimme Hea, John Koshel, Francesca López, Maggie Pitts, Martina Shenal, Jim Hunt, Paul Wagner, Chrissy Lieberman, Keith Swisher, Doug Taren, Pam Perry

**Additional Representatives Present:** Greg Heileman, Liz Sandoval, Stephanie Carlson

**Absent (without proxy):** Steven Lieberman, Cindy Rankin, Terri Warholak

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I. **Call to Order-** Chair, John Koshel called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

II. **Approval of January 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Removal of Sub Plans (4) BS in Informatics (Science)
- b. Transfer Ownership: various minors and BA/BS plans (Science, Humanities, SBS)

IV. **Discussion**

Provost Folks, Sr VP for Academic Affairs and Provost and Brent White, Vice Provost, Global Affairs, Dean Global Campuses led discussion of alternative language tests to be used during the coronavirus health concern. 30% of our incoming class is from China. Duolingo is a possibility on a temporary basis for 2020-21 admission; various universities are using it and accepting it. The Graduate College uses/allows the CEPT test. The admission decision for undergraduate international students is a wide review of several components including their GPA; there was discussion about potentially offering additional services for this cohort if we do allow Duolingo. No new fees will be imposed on students for further testing. Access, cost of exam, efficient method of testing for alternative testing options, and potential loss in tuition revenue were issues of concern.

Motion was made to set the required Duolingo score at 100, that it applies for the 2020-2021 academic year, that there be further discussion on how to assess or conduct further testing to verify the Duolingo score and students be properly placed, and to promote CEPT. Motion was seconded. One abstention.

V. **Academic Program Proposals, Policies, and Procedures**

- a. Undergraduate Certificate in Games & Simulation – an interdisciplinary certificate that could be an add on to any degree. It relies heavily on game development and simulated reality.

Motion was made to approve the certificate in Games & Simulation, motion seconded. Approved with no abstentions.

- b. Undergraduate Certificate in Data Science & Visualization – an interdisciplinary program for students that do not have a background heavy in calculus. Open to letting other students take their classes but they do not have enough seats. They hope to be a certificate that is open to all majors and all paths to get a general sense of data science and visualization.

Concern was raised that there is some overlap with the Public Health minor. Courses in the proposal do have prerequisites and attract students of varying paths. It was suggested that the proposer talk with other departments who might want to collaborate if the certificate is “interdisciplinary” and to look at changing the certificate name to narrow it down.

Motion was made to table the proposal, motion was seconded. Proposal tabled with no abstentions.

- c. MA in Bilingual Journalism – partnerships built on campus to make this possible. Journalists who can report in multiple languages are a critical need. Meet demands of out of state and country institutions who have shown interest in graduates from the program. Very much hands on and experiential degree. Will make graduates more competitive in the field.

BA in Global Media Studies, MA in Global Media Studies – Studies, not a professional degree. Focuses on the intersection of different types of media, media in informal and formal institutions, and culture. Each course has media literacy embedded in it so that students can learn more about how to address the varying issues involved in media. There has been an interest in the online potential of these degrees by schools in other countries. All courses will be co-convened for the Masters.

Concern was raised about the use of “Media” in the name, it is broad. They chose the name because it is different than the Journalism program and its aim to be more of a professional degree. More conversation to be had with FTV. The interest in the two degrees was started in the micro campus realm. Film and television has been working on micro campuses in Peru and Malaysia, could be in opposition with the title, not the courses.

Motion was made to approve the MA in Bilingual Journalism. The motion was seconded. No abstentions.

Motion was made to table the BA and MA in Global Media Studies. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

- d. 18 of the Final 30 Units in Residence Policy - proposal to modify the 18/30 rule for final units in residence. This policy is over 30 years old and we could argue that we have a different campus and population at this point. John asked that the policy read as 300+ units instead of upper division.

Motion was made to approve the modification. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

- e. Military Excused Absence Policy proposal - Military excused absence policy. DoD requires it. We signed memorandum of understanding; this is the only piece we’re not in compliance on. 282 active members on campus. If an active member gets called to duty, then there is a discussion to either continue or withdraw from the course; there is no expectation for professor/instructor to make accommodations.

Motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

- f. 2<sup>nd</sup> Language Requirement amendment proposal – There are now many ways that students can demonstrate their language proficiency. The word “native” has been struck from original proposal. Their second language is shown to be just as strong as what traditional second language learners know at the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> semester.

## **VI. Updates and Discussion**

- a. Update on Arizona Online leads generated through Slate – fixed the technical issue and the process so that they could catch it quickly!

## **VII. Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Liz Sandoval*